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IRON MAN

Korvac, resurrected in an android body, seeks to boost his already formidable powers to godlike levels by traveling to *Taa II*, Galactus' worldship. Iron Man assembled an eclectic team of heroes, including Hellcat, to pursue him off-planet. While en route in space, Iron Man and Hellcat communed with Korvac telepathically, and he revealed his plan to forcibly transform all sentient life into a homogenous consciousness. Before Korvac could grow angry at their rejection of his vision, Iron Man was suddenly and mysteriously transported to a place completely unknown, leaving Hellcat back on the spaceship with the other heroes.

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IRON MAN

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I *CAN'T* SHAKE THEM OFF, BUT IF I CAN GET US IN MISSILE RANGE, WE MIGHT JUST HAVE A SHOT... *LITERALLY!*

HALCYON, LOAD UP *EVERYTHING* WE HAVE... SCARLET SPIDER, MISTY--I *REALLY* NEED YOU TO LAY DOWN MORE COVER FIRE BACK THERE...

TREOWM TREOWM

WHAT DO YOU *THINK* I'M DOING, RHODES--BALANCING MY *CHECKBOOK?*

*IF KORVAC'S SHIP DOESN'T BACK OFF, WE'LL HAVE NO **ROOM** FOR A MISSILE SHOT--*

IF KORVAC'S SHIP DOESN'T BACK OFF, ITS *TAIL FIN* IS GONNA BE FLOSSING *MY TEETH...*

TREOWM

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DO *THEY* HAVE MISSILES?

MOST LIKELY.

WELL, SINCE THEY'RE ON OUR ASS LIKE A *TIGHT PAIR OF SLACKS,* WHATEVER THEY FIRE AT US IS GONNA HIT *ME* FIRST, SO I'D APPRECIATE SOME EVASIVE MANEUVERS THAT ARE A LITTLE MORE *EVASIVE.*

TWEAHTCH

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GAEGH! I JUST LOST FLIGHT CONTROL... THIS SHIP MANEUVERS LIKE MY GRANDMA'S DAMN CADILLAC!

HALCYON, BREAK US HARD LEFT!

...MY BRAINS... ARE GOING INTO MY FEET...

I WAS VERY EXCITED TO GO TO OUTER SPACE, BUT NOW I REALLY DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL!

DO IT, KID--NOW OR NEVER...

MISSILE LOAD PRIMED
READY

64 % TARGET LOCK

I'VE GOT YOU, PATSY. HOLD ON...

COME BACK TO US, PATSY. *HEAR MY VOICE,* FRIEND...

TONY?

GARGOYLE?

NO.

OKAY... WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE *PHYSICALLY* SAFE FOR NOW. BUT I'M SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY.

AND YOU ARE?

YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE MY VOICE?

WAIT... YES...

MOONDRAGON.

HELLO, HELLCAT. IT'S BEEN A WHILE. AND IT SEEMS YOUR MIND HAS REKINDLED SOME...**INTERESTING ABILITIES** AGAIN.

YOU TOOK MY POWERS AWAY A WHILE AGO.* SO I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT TOO THRILLED THAT I'M ACCESSING THE OL' **PSYCHOACTIVE RADIO WAVES** AGAIN...

NO, PATSY.

I'M HERE TO MAKE YOU **STRONGER.**

*IN DEFENDERS #77. --TOM

I'VE FELT THE THREAT OF **KORVAC**. THE GUARDIANS AND I ARE **FAR** FROM YOU, BUT EVEN **HERE** I SENSE HIM. I'VE SEEN HIS **MURDEROUSNESS**. HE **MUST** BE STOPPED.

I'M GOING TO ENHANCE YOUR MENTAL POWERS...BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE **HURT**, LIKE LAST TIME.

HONESTLY, I... I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

I'M NOT FACING **KORVAC ALONE**. I'M WITH **TONY**. AND **JIM RHODES**... AND--

FROG-MAN.

SURE, YES, **FROG-MAN**. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALL **PASS-AGG** ABOUT IT...

I'D BE THERE WITH YOU, BUT I'D **NEVER** GET THERE IN TIME.

KORVAC IS **QUITE** PSIONICALLY FORMIDABLE. HE'S LINKED WITH YOU **MORE THAN ONCE** TO TRY TO WEAKEN YOU. BUT THIS LINK MAKES HIM **VULNERABLE**.

HE ALSO SHOWED ME... WHAT HE WANTS TO DO... I FELT IT--THE **POWER**, THE...PURE EUPHORIC **SIMPLICITY**...

KORVAC WANTS TO ENSLAVE US ALL. NO ONE THING GETS TO DECIDE WHAT ALL THAT IS BECOMES.

I...I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY MIND AGAIN. I'VE ALREADY COME TOO CLOSE.

I'M HERE TO MAKE YOU STRONGER. SO LET'S START SOMEWHERE MORE FAMILIAR.

CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

OH MY GOSH! MY OLD HIGH SCHOOL!

YES. AND THE UNIVERSE ALSO TELLS ME YOU ONCE HAD A VERY GOOD FOOTBALL TEAM HERE.

BEST IN THE STATE.

CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

BBRRRRRRRRRRRNNNG!

WOW, THERE'S BUZZ! BEFORE WE GOT DIVORCED AND HE MUTATED INTO AN EVIL DOG! LOOK AT HIM--HE'S SO YOUNG AND HANDSOME...

COME ALONG, PATSY. WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR CLASS.

HEY! THAT'S MY FRIEND HEDY!
HEDY! HEY!
GEEZ, SHUT IT OFF, WILL YA? YOUR VOICE COULD BRING BACK SILENT MOVIES!
BOY, WHAT A SNOT-NOSE.
YOU'D BETTER FOCUS ON THIS TEST.
TEST?
BENEDICT ARNOLD MAY HAVE LED A CHARGE AT FREEMAN'S FARM DURING THE FIRST DAY OF WHAT BATTLE?
HISTORY?! I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS STUFF!
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TEST. IT'S ABOUT KNOWING WHERE THE ANSWERS ARE. YOU KNOW THEY'RE LOCKED INSIDE YOUR TEACHER'S MIND.

BREATHE IN... OUT... LET THE THOUGHTS DISSIPATE. REACH IN.

SEE IT.

THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA.

VERY GOOD.

HE'S ALSO HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH MRS. GRUNDELMAN.

NOW TRY TO MOVE THE APPLE ON HIS DESK.

WAPLSH

ALL RIGHT, WHO'S THE COMEDIAN?

BRRRRRRNNNNNG

THIS IS EASIER THAN I REMEMBER.

HISTORY CLASS OR TELEKINESIS?

MISS WALKER!

HEDY TELLS ME *YOU* PULLED THAT LITTLE STUNT WITH MY RED DELICIOUS IN THERE!

BUT-- MR. BROWN, I--

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. *NOW!*

BETTER DO WHAT HE SAYS.

HEY, BUT...

PRINCIPAL'
OFFICE

OH MY GOD...
NOT YOU!

NO!

I MISS YOU SO MUCH... PATSY, I LOVE YOU...

I'M SORRY... PLEASE BE WITH ME AGAIN...

DAIMON HELLSTROM
PRINCIPAL
SON OF SATAN

NO! I WON'T GO BACK THERE! I CAN'T!

KCASTCHH!

YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART, KITTEN...

DON'T BREAK MY HEART.

DON'T. BREAK. MY. HEART.

NOOOOOO!

OH, MISS WALKER, IT'S JUST *HORRIBLE* THAT PATSY'S HAD A *PSYCHOTIC BREAK* AND BECOME *TRAPPED IN HELL.*

YES, HEDY, BUT HER *COMPLETE BREAKDOWN* IS MAKING FOR A *WONDERFUL* COMIC STRIP BOOK, RIGHT OUT OF THE *GOLDEN AGE...*

AND YOU'LL DRAW US AS *BESTEST FRIENDS*, RIGHT, MISS WALKER?

OF COURSE, HEDY.

AND NOT TO WORRY, BUZZ CAME BY WITH A *NICE STRAIGHT RAZOR* FOR PATSY THAT'LL FIX HER *RIGHT* UP.

OR WAS IT THAT HANDSOME *DEMON* BOY...?

REGARDLESS, I KNOW OUR PATSY WILL DO THE RIGHT THING AND *OFF HERSELF* SOON. SPARE US ALL THE TROUBLE OF ENDURING HER *MISERABLE SUFFERING.*

SHE *IS* WRETCHED FILTH NOW, YOU KNOW. *CORRUPT* AS SIN.

PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S *TOO MUCH TV.*

LIGHTS OUT, SWEETIE.

I'M ON YOUR *LAST PAGE.*

...MOM?

NO...
NO, PLEASE.
I'M *BETTER*
NOW...

MOM,
TELL THEM
I'M *BETTER*
NOW!

NO FLAMES, NO
TEETH! NO FLAMES,
NO TEETH!
SEE?

...SEE?

MOM...
MOONDRAGON...
TONY...
SOMEBODY...

SOMEBODY!

BREATHE IN.
OUT.

LET THE THOUGHTS DISSIPATE.

REACH IN.

SEE IT.

WHO IS THAT?

YOUR FEAR.

FEAR OF YOUR OWN MIND.

WITH A SOFT TOUCH...

...FREE IT.

ACCEPT IT.

HOLD IT.

DEEP DOWN, KORVAC IS AFRAID.

IF YOU ARE NOT... YOU CAN WIN.

EEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEE

EMERGENCY. EMERGENCY. IMMINENT HULL COMPRESSION.
EMERGENCY. EMERGENCY. REAR ENGINE 4 RUPTURE.

HHULLLAAAAH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

THE #$%& IS *OFFICIALLY* HITTING THE FAN!

MAYDAY OR WHATEVER! MY GUN IS JAMMED--I'M IN A TIGHT SPOT!

RHODEY!

<WARNING: FIRE--CLASS C.> <ENGAGING.> <AUX.> FILTRATION... CHEMICAL. PRIORITY...? FINALIZED: CO. CO2. THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF HYDROCARBONS: <ALIPHATIC...>

I'M GONNA SLAM ON THE BRAKES AND SELF-DESTRUCT THIS OVERLOADED SPACE YACHT RIGHT IN THEIR FACES!

FIRE-SUPPRESSION SYSTEM DAMAGED. WARHEAD TEMPERATURES EXCEEDING SAFE ZONE.

TYPICAL STARK EQUIPMENT. ALL SHOW. NO GO.

UNICORN, FIRE ON MY MARK.

RHODEY, DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!

KADUNK

WE'RE OUTTA TIME!

GIMME TEN SECONDS, THEN THROW EVERYTHING TO THE ENGINES OR THE-- I DON'T KNOW--JUST MAKE IT GO AS FAST AS IT CAN!

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO STOP THEM!

JUST DO IT, JAMES.

...AND F--

TRAITOR...

...LORD...?

COWARD...

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE *OUR SLAVE,* KORVAC.

KRRRSSHZZ!

ILLUSIONS, ALL!

WHOA! HUGE SURGE ON THEIR SHIP...

HE'S DROPPING OFF--

NOW!

ENGINE FOUR IS CONTAINED, AND THE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IS BACK ONLINE!

CHNT

SUPPRESSANT FOAM--ENGAGED--

WAIT A MINUTE...

WHERE THE HELL IS *TONY?*

TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT

AFTER DISCOVERING THE STRANGE NEW SENSATION OF SELF-DOUBT, KORVAC AND HIS CREW TAKE A DETOUR IN DEEP SPACE TO SEARCH FOR AN UNLIKELY ALLY. BUT CONVERSION CAN OFTEN BE DIFFICULT, AND SOON KORVAC IS LEFT WONDERING IF HE'LL EVER HAVE ANY FOLLOWERS BORN FROM FAITH RATHER THAN FEAR...

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